

Principal Linc April 15, 2009

May 1 Our annual May Day Celebration is a festival of art, music, dancing and writing. This presentation of art, singing and dancing will take place on the field at 9:30 so feel free to bring a lawn chair or blanket. This year the sharing of writing will take place in the classrooms at the conclusion of the performances. As in past years, we are asking students to wear the closest thing they have to an all white shirt, khaki colored pants or shorts, and sneakers.

May 4 Early Release

May 5 Johnny the K An enrichment program sponsored by the LSPA

May 6 Math Morning Meet in the cafeteria at 8:30 for an overview of our Everyday Math curriculum. At 8:45 you will join your children to enjoy math games and activities until 9:30.

May 13 "Raising Resilient Children" 7:30 pm @ McCall. Dr. Brooks draws rave reviews wherever he speaks so I encourage you all to attend this timely presentation.

May 14 LSPA 8:30 ~ Our school psychologist, Jennifer Wolf, will facilitate a follow-up discussion of Dr. Brook's presentation for Lincoln parents.

Placement Process

In May, we will begin to develop new class lists for next year. This involves placing four hundred and fifty students. Our goal is to build balanced classes. I will take into consideration written parental input for the following two concerns: 1) you strongly feel that your child should be separated from another child or 2) an older sibling has had one of the receiving teachers and you do not wish to have the same teacher for your younger child. Last year, I received very few letters, but I will make every effort to honor requests that follow the protocol stated above. Parents of current kindergarteners may also state a preference for a multiage or straight first grade placement (see attachment). Parents of incoming kindergarteners will receive separate information with a later deadline at Kindergarten Orientation on April 30.

Please have your letter to me no later than **May 1**. Requests made through teachers will not be considered. Our faculty takes this process very seriously as they value the opportunity to teach a variety of children. Thank you in advance for your support.

May MCAS Schedule

May 11 & 12 ~ Gr. 3 math

May 13 & 14 ~ Gr. 5 math

May 18 & 19 ~ Gr. 4 math

May 20 & 21 ~ Gr. 5 science

Learn to Play Chess at Lincoln School

Join your friends to learn chess strategies and tactics. Andrew Kolodziej, Lincoln parent and former Illinois high school champion, will teach participants how to check-mate, use positional tactics, how to control the center, and endgame strategy in six fun sessions. Classes will be divided between lesson, chess puzzles and games with each class focusing on one theme. Classes will meet in the library on Wednesdays, 2:30-3:45, beginning May 6. Bring a chess set if you have one. Participants should know the basics of the chess moves and rules. Cost: \$40 for six sessions; Limit: 12 students. Third, fourth and fifth graders are encouraged to join. Call 781-721-6416 or email akolobj@gmail.com to register.

Kindergarten Orientation and All Day K Update

Orientation for incoming kindergarteners is April 30 at 9:00. Members of the School Committee, the All Day Kindergarten Committee, Marc Kerble and Bill McAlduff answered questions about the All Day K program at an informational meeting held Tuesday night at Lynch School. The Superintendent reassured those present that the placement process will be given careful consideration. The registration deadline for ADK is set at April 17. If that changes, parents will be informed. The kindergarten teachers are well aware of the transitional challenges that will exist in the early weeks of the program and will plan the afternoon program to accommodate the maturity and stamina of the students. For more information, go to www.3ADK.com.

****What do Sue Costello and Paul DeBenedictus have in common? They are both running camps at Lincoln School this summer. Check out the Summer Enrichment brochure for details.**